

BALDOCK URBAN

DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1971

BALDOCK  
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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MEMBERS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1971

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CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE:

Dr. D. R. Riddell.

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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR:

N.G. WILLIS, M.A.P.H.I.

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## P R E F A C E

Public Health Department,

Council Offices,

Baldock.

To the Chairman and Members of Baldock Urban District Council

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1971.

The population of Baldock showed an overall increase of 440, considerably more than the previous year, although there were eight fewer births. This would suggest that there has been more movement into the area.

The infant mortality rate was slightly higher than the previous year although it was still much lower than the remainder of the county and the country as a whole. The perinatal rate remained higher. No maternal deaths occurred.

The number of deaths from all causes remained the same as for the previous year, the commonest cause of death remaining disease of the heart and blood vessels. The rates were very slightly lower than those for 1970 but remain higher than those for the county as a whole.

No outbreak of serious epidemic disease occurred during the year and the state of public health in Baldock remained satisfactory.

The Health Education programme was greatly expanded during 1971.

A working party was set up during the year to discuss ways in which general education could be further developed and a monthly clinic display programme formulated. The working party has met at regular intervals and allowed increased communication.

There has been increased contact with the Teacher Centres and this resulted in a two day conference. Health education was also featured in the North Hertfordshire In-Service Programme for teachers and a full day on health education is planned for 1972. In addition various discussion groups within the teacher centres have been held on the subject of drugs and venereal diseases.

Advice has been given to schools on health-education within the school curriculum and a special programme for fifth and sixth formers was introduced and evaluated. This was concerned with the attitudes and behaviour affecting health.

Two experiments into motivation of mothers to accept health education were carried out as a pilot study in maternal attitudes.

Publicity campaigns on venereal disease, smoking and health, mental health were carried out in a number of factories. As a result, talks were given on subjects of personal hygiene, food handling (in conjunction with the public health inspector) venereal diseases and mental health.

Talks have been given to various groups including Young Wives, Women's Clubs, the elderly, St. John Ambulance Association, Parent Teacher Associations, Youth Clubs, etc. Topics included health and hygiene, accident prevention, drug addiction, (in the form of panels) smoking and health, mental health and venereal disease. There has been increased involvement with the Home Safety Committees for the area.

An anti-smoking clinic was started during the year as a pilot experiment with a view to offering a service for general practitioners to refer patients who wish to give up smoking basically on health grounds. It was decided to run this clinic for one year in alternate months and this project was evaluated through the year. In view of its success on a group basis it was decided to run a pilot clinic for overweight women, again to offer a service for general practitioners and hospital consultants to refer patients who needed to reduce weight and in the case of consultants particularly prior to operation. One feature has been that the group referred are mostly middle-aged and upwards and many aspects of health education have been discussed within the clinic setting. The demand has been overwhelming and has necessitated establishing a second clinic to relieve the waiting list with the Stevenage area and it is anticipated that a third clinic in Letchworth and a fourth in Hitchin will be necessary.

It is my view that the future role of health education lies in group and community projects. In many areas voluntary groups are providing varied activities appropriate to particular needs. Health education has a major role within these groups and some attempt at co-ordination of local authority and voluntary agencies on all matters of health education would be desirable. There is at the present time a mutual lack of awareness of roles which has created duplication of effort.

I would like to express my thanks to the public health, health and welfare staff in Baldock, including those concerned with the administration for their help and co-operation during the year.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

J.D. HALL

Medical Officer of Health

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Bedford Road,  
Hitchin,  
Hertfordshire,

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SECTION "A".

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITION OF THE AREA.

GENERAL STATISTICS:

Area (in acres)	.....	542
Registrar General's estimate of resident population mid-1971	.....	6,290
Number of inhabited houses at 31st December, 1971	.....	2,060
Rateable Value	.....	£359,649
Net product of 1p rate	.....	£3,510

BALDOCK VITAL STATISTICS 1970

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	39	43	82
Legitimate	37	42	79
Illegitimate	2	1	3
Live Birth Rate (uncorrected) per 1000 population	-	-	13.0
Live Birth Rate (corrected) per 1000 population	-	-	13.8
Illegitimate live births percentage of total live births	-	-	4.0
<u>STILL-BIRTHS</u>			
Total	1	1	2
Rate per 1000 live and still-births	-	-	24.0
Total live and still-births	40	44	84
<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE</u>			
Total	1	-	1
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Infant mortality rate per 1000 live births	-	-	12.0
Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births	-	-	13.0
Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate live births	-	-	-
Neo-Natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births)	-	-	12.0
Early Neo-Natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 total live births)	-	-	12.0
Perinatal mortality rate (still-births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live and still- births)	-	-	36.0
<u>MATERNITY MORTALITY, INCLUDING ABORTION:</u>			
Number of deaths	-	-	-
Rate per 1000 total live and still-births	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL DEATHS</u>	34	27	61
Death rate (uncorrected)	-	-	9.7
Death rate (corrected)	-	-	13.4
Natural increase in population			21
Overall decrease in population			440

# CAUSES OF DEATH IN 1971

Cause of Death	Males	Females	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	2	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	3	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	1	1
Leukaemia	1	-	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	2	2	4
Diabetes Mellitus	-	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	-	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	6	3	9
Other Forms of Heart Disease	2	2	4
Cerebrovascular Disease	5	5	10
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	2	4
Pneumonia	4	-	4
Asthma	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	-	1
Peptic Ulcer	2	-	2
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	1	2
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	1	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	-	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	1	-	1
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	-	2	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	1	1
All Other Accidents	-	2	2
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	-	1	1
All other External Causes	1	-	1
<b>TOTAL ALL CAUSES</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>61</b>

## DEATH IN AGE GROUPS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under 1 year ... ..	1	-	1
1 - 4 years ... ..	-	-	-
5 - 14 years ... ..	-	-	-
15 - 24 years ... ..	-	1	1
25 - 34 years ... ..	-	1	1
35 - 44 years ... ..	2	-	2
45 - 54 years ... ..	2	1	3
55 - 64 years ... ..	7	-	7
65 - 74 years ... ..	11	10	21
75 years and over ... ..	11	14	25
<b>All Causes</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>61</b>

POPULATION STATISTICS

	District 1971 Baldock	North Hertford- shire Division	Hertford- shire	England & Wales
Population	6,290	168,030	930,390	48,815,000
Live Births (Crude)	13.0	17.2	15.1	16.0
Live Births (Corrected)	13.8	-	14.2	16.0
Death Rate - All causes Crude	9.7	7.7	9.0	11.6
Death Rate - All causes Corrected	13.4		10.2	11.6
Infective and Parasitic Diseases - excluding Tuberculosis, but including Syphillis and other V.D.	0.00	0.01	--	*
Tuberculosis: Respiratory	0.00	0.01 )	0.01	*
Other Forms	0.00	0.00 )		*
Cancer				
Lung and Bronchus	0.47	0.48 )	1.4	*
Other	1.27	1.34 )	--	*
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	0.00	0.08	1.22	*
Heart and Circulatory Diseases	4.45	3.59	2.7	*
Respiratory Diseases	0.95	0.83	1.3	*
Maternal Mortality	0.00	0.00	0.2	*
Infantile Mortality	12.0	19.6	15.1	18.0
Neo-Natal Mortality	12.0	14.4	10.8	12.0
Early Neo-Natal Mortality	12.0	12.4	8.6	10.0
Perinatal Mortality	36.0	21.8	18.3	22.0
Still-births	24.0	9.5	9.9	12.0

\*Figures not available



SECTION "B", BALDOCK

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES

Care of Mothers and Young Children - Section 22 - Baldock.

Ante-Natal Instruct on Classes

Attendance:

Clinic

No. of attendances, 1971.

Baldock

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Family Planning Clinic

The policy of the County Council in regard to family planning is the utilization of the Family Planning Association as the principal agency in the provision of these services. The Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire Branch Organising Secretary, Mrs. K. Arger, has kindly provided the figures for this report.

Sessions:

Hitchin, Divisional Health Office,  
Bedford Road.

Tuesday afternoon  
Wednesday evening  
Thursday morning

Letchworth, Health Centre,  
Nevels Road.

Monday evening

Stevenage, Trotts Hill Clinic,

Monday morning  
Tuesday afternoon  
Friday morning

Peartree Health Annexe,  
Lodge Farm Health Annexe,

Wednesday morning  
Thursday morning

County Health Centre,  
Southgate.

Thursday evening

1971

	No. of New Patients	Total No. of Attendances.
HITCHIN	344	3,294
LETCHWORTH	205	1,705
STEVENAGE	660	7,762



# Infant Welfare Clinics.

Infant Welfare Centre,  
Pinnocks Lane,  
Baldock.

Wednesday 2-4 p.m.

Dr. F.E. Woodthorpe.

Thursday 2-4 p.m.

Health Visitor.

Clinic	Children born in <u>1971</u>	Children born in <u>1970</u>	Children born in <u>1966-69</u>	No. of <u>Attendances</u>
Baldock	99	113	199	2,681

## Child Health Assessment Unit

Attendances at this unit so far are as follows:

Children born in	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
Baldock	-	-	1	-	5

## Premature Infants.

A premature infant is one which weighs  $5\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. or less at birth.

### PREMATURE INFANTS BORN IN 1971

District	Born alive			Stillbirths			Died under 28 days				No. who survived 28 days.		
	At home	In Hosp.	Total	At home	In Hosp.	Total	No. removed to Hosp. after birth	At home	In Hosp.	Total	Born at home	Born in Hosp.	Total
Baldock	-	6	6	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	6

### MIDWIFERY - SECTION 23

Ante-Natal Instruction Classes continue to be held in all the clinics, but the actual ante-natal care and supervision is provided either in the G.P.'s surgery or in the home.

#### DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY - BALDOCK

Ante-Natal visits to Expectant Mothers	160
Home Conditions Reports for Hospital	28
Ante-Natal Session - General Practitioner	-
Deliveries - Home	16
Deliveries - Hospital	72
Total - Live and Stillbirths	85
Early Hospital Discharge - 48 hours	10

#### HEALTH VISITING - SECTION 24 - BALDOCK

Two health visitors were employed during 1971.

Child Welfare	Visits	2,286
Aged	"	909
Others	"	581
School Inspections	Sessions	104
Maternity and Child Welfare	"	172

#### HOME NURSING - SECTION 25

The staff of the home nursing service in Baldock at December 31st, 1971, consisted of one part-time district nurse, one full-time district nurse midwife.

The following are statistics relating to the work of the home nurses in 1971. It will be seen that they made 6,020 visits to 230 patients; 67 per cent of the patients nursed were aged 65 or over and they were visited on 5,095 occasions; 84 per cent of all visits, therefore, were made to this age group.

<u>Classification</u>	<u>No. of cases attended.</u>	<u>No. of visits made.</u>
Medical	161	4,026
Surgical	51	1,972
Tuberculosis	-	-
Others	18	22
TOTALS	230	6,020

Patients included above who were aged 65 or over	154	5,095
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Children included above who were under 5	2	3
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#### AMBULANCE SERVICE - SECTION 27 - NORTH HERTS.

Number of patients conveyed	70,532
Number of Journeys	31,074
Total Mileage	454,555

#### Details of Journeys

Accidents	1,585
Sudden Illness	712
Removals	67,467
Maternity	768

The divisional area is served by the County Ambulance Station at St. George's Way, Stevenage. The Area Supervisor is Mr. J. Sweetman who has kindly supplied the above statistics.

PREVENTION OF ILLNESS: CARE AND AFTER-CARE - SECTION 28

NORTH HERTS.

The Medical Loan Service continues to be delegated to the British Red Cross Society and St. John's Ambulance, and those organisations play a large part in providing equipment and aids to the ill and handicapped at home. For this voluntary service we should like to express our thanks.

CHEST CLINIC.

Health Visiting:

Tuberculosis household - visits	350
B.C.G. Follow-up Visits	39
Contacts - visits	270
Non-Tuberculosis - visits	138
New Cases	33
Contacts of new cases	304
Heaf Negative	23

VENEREAL DISEASES.

Number of New Cases in 1971.

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL ALL VENEREAL CONDITIONS
Lister Hospital, Hitchin	204	129	333

The return from Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, has been omitted since it refers to the whole of the geographical county of Hertfordshire. These figures are, therefore, deficient by an unknown number in addition to the deficiencies caused by the treatment of patients from this area in London and elsewhere.

36% of the cases were in females.



CERVICAL CYTOLOGY - NORTH HERTS

CLINICS	No.1st atten- dances	% Pop at risk attending	Negative		Positive		Unsatisfactory Specimens		Inflammatory Changes		Trichomonas Vaginalis		Monilia		Suspicious		Cell Irregularities	
			No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
HITCHIN	502	i) 3 ii) 4	502	100.0	-	-	3	.6	310	62.0	28	5.5	13	2.5	-	-	-	-
LETCHWORTH	233	i) 3 ii) 3	233	100.0	-	-	2	.85	103	44.0	7	3.0	7	3.0	-	-	-	-
STEVENAGE	781	i) 8 ii) 11	781	100.0	-	-	1	.13	402	51.0	42	5.0	24	3.0	-	-	-	-
ROYSTON	77	i) 0.53 ii) 2	77	100.0	-	-	-	-	69	89.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CYTOLOGY CLINIC

WELL WOMAN CLINIC - JANUARY 1971

Hitchin	-	Every Wednesday a.m.
Letchworth	-	1st and 3rd Tuesdays a.m.
Stevenage	-	Thursday a.m. and Friday p.m.
Royston	-	Every third Wednesday in the month a.m.

From a total of 1,595 no positives were discovered.

In 1971 attendances at the Cytology Clinics showed a slight increase in Hitchin, Stevenage and Royston but were lower in Letchworth than in 1970.

Cervical Cytology (continued):

i) Aged 20 and over                      ii) Aged 30 and over

Population at Risk Women (Sample Census 1966 - estimated error  
1.6 per cent deficient.)

Baldock U.D.	i) 2,080	Royston U.D.	i) 2,260
	ii) 1,740		ii) 1,860
Hitchin U.D.	i) 9,540	Stevenage U.D.	i) 16,200
	ii) 7,900		ii) 12,350
Letchworth U.D.	i) 9,480	Hitchin R.D.	i) 8,560
	ii) 7,950		ii) 7,200

TOTAL AT RISK      i) 48,120  
                         ii) 39,000

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - SECTION 47

This section of the Act is concerned with the compulsory removal of persons in need of care from their homes on a Court Order or in emergency or an Order signed by two Medical Practitioners and a Justice of the Peace. Such a person may be removed to a county home or hospital, provided that all sections of the Act are satisfied.

Such action was not necessary during 1971.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

TABLE: 1 - BALDOCK

Inspection School Children 1971.

Entrants Nursery Children	74
Secondary Consultative	99
Number of special inspections	43
Number of re-inspections	95

Physical conditions of pupils inspected.

Satisfactory	311
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TABLE 11 - BALDOCK.

B.C.G. Vaccination - 11 years and absentees from previous sessions.

Number of children offered testing and vaccination if necessary	184
Number of acceptances	168
Percentage of acceptances	91.3%

Pre-Vaccination Tuberculin Test

Number tested	162
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Result of Test

Number positive	7
Number negative	155
Number not ascertained	-
Percentage positive	0.43
Percentage negative	99.57
Number vaccinated	155

Note: The percentage of acceptances is most satisfactory; no adverse reactions to B.C.G. vaccinations were reported during the year.

The Consultant Paediatrician for the area, Dr. C.G. Fagg, is always available for consultation, and I am indebted to him for his help during the year.

I would also acknowledge the help and co-operation from Dr. C. Firth - Consultant Geriatrician, and Dr. B. Mallett - Consultant Psychiatrist.

Dr. Roper has played a large part in the School Health Service, and I am grateful to her, also.



## HOSPITAL SERVICES

The hospital services for the area are administered by the North West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board with the Luton and Hitchin Hospital Management Committee. Addenbrooke's Hospital is administered by the United Cambridge Hospitals.

### GENERAL HOSPITAL SERVICES

North Hertfordshire Hospital, Hitchin

Lister Hospital, Hitchin

Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

### MENTAL HOSPITAL

Fairfield Hospital, Stotfold.

### MATERNITY HOSPITAL SERVICES

North Hertfordshire Maternity Unit, Hitchin

### CHEST CLINIC

Lister Hospital, Hitchin

### LABORATORY SERVICES

Dr. A.T. Willis, Director, Public Health Laboratory,  
Luton and Dunstable Hospital, Lewsey Road, Luton, Beds.

Dr. G.R.E. Maylor, Director, Public Health Laboratory,  
Tennis Court Road, Cambridge.

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## SECTION C

### Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

#### WATER SUPPLY

The water supply to Baldock is provided by the Lee Valley Water Company from deep wells to the south of the town.

The regular sampling of the water has shown it to be consistent both in quality and quantity. 104 bacteriological and 5 chemical samples taken during the year were all reported as conforming to the standards of purity suitable for public supply.

Direct piped supply is provided to all premises in the town, and there is no evidence of plumbo-solvency.

The average fluoride content is less than 0.02 parts per million.

#### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The town is served by a main sewerage system, into which all but 3 premises are connected. Of these, 2 have septic tanks, and the other a cesspool.

A large scheme of replacement of defective and inadequate sewerage was continued during the year.

#### COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

#### PUBLIC CLEANSING

The whole of this work is carried out under the supervision of the Surveyor. The weekly collection has been maintained, and the refuse is disposed of by tipping.

#### CEMETERY

Routine duties in connection with the preparation for interment in grave spaces was carried out, and other work involved in maintaining good order and control.

#### OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following details are extracted from those supplied to H.M. Factory Inspectorate in the Annual Report, and show the work carried out during the year.

##### REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

	No. of premises registered during year	Total No. of reg. premises	No. of Inspections
Offices... ..	-	15	12
Retail Shops ... ..	-	44	34
Wholesale Shops, warehouses	-	1	1
Catering Establishments, canteens	1	9	9
TOTALS	1	69	56

Total number of visits of all kinds to registered premises .. .. 71  
Total number of reported accidents - 15 - .. .. NIL

## PETROLEUM ACTS

Number of premises subject to the Acts .. .. .	12
Number of Licences granted .. .. .	12
Visits and inspections .. .. .	28
Total gallonage of petroleum spirit stored .. .. .	41,100 gals.
Licence fees received .. .. .	53

The Main duties concerned with petroleum consist of ensuring a minimal fire hazard, and the regulations governing petrol service stations have this as their prime concern. Control is exercised over pumps, tanks and buildings, as well as road tankers discharging into storage tanks. Tests are applied to underground storage tanks when necessary to ensure that leakage is not occurring.

## SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA (other than dwellinghouses and food premises)

### Number of inspections

Drainage and Sewerage .. .. .	47
Water Supply and Sampling .. .. .	15
Nuisances .. .. .	83
Game Licences .. .. .	2
Pet Animals Act .. .. .	3
Hairdressers and Barber By-laws .. .. .	3
Consumer Protection Act .. .. .	4
Trade Description Act .. .. .	NIL

## HOUSING

On the 31st December, 1971 the number of applications on the Council's waiting list for housing accommodation remained at 123.

During 1971, 58 applications were registered, 19 applicants housed and 39 applications cancelled:

The number of private dwellings provided by new construction during the year was 24. 13 new dwellings were completed by the Council on the Brewery Site, with a further 39 under construction.

## CARAVANS

The total number of caravans in the district at the end of 1971 remained at 96, stationed on the approved sites in Limekiln Lane.

## HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

There are 5 houses in multiple occupation in the town, and no action was required under the regulations.

## INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES

The following inspections were carried out during the year:-

1. Number inspected under the Housing and Public Health Acts .. .. .	43
2. Number found to be unfit for human habitation .. .. .	17
3. Number in which defects were remedied by owners .. .. .	15
4. Number the subject of closing or demolition orders .. .. .	NIL
5. Number of filthy or verminous houses .. .. .	NIL



## STANDARD GRANTS

Eight applications for standard grants were received, and grants of £1,360 were approved.

## FOOD HYGIENE

The types of food premises subject to the Food and Hygiene Regulations are as follows:-

Butchers	5	Greengrocers & Fruiterers	4
Cafe's & Snack Bars	7	Bakehouses	2
Bakers & Confectioners	4	Canteens	2
Fishmongers	3	Public Houses	15
Grocers & Provision Merchants	6		

There are 17 premises registered for the storage and sale of ice-cream, 5 for the preparation of meat products, and 6 dealers in milk.

There are no slaughterhouses or poultry processing premises in the district.

59lbs. of unsound food were surrendered for condemnation.

There were no food poisoning cases reported during the year.

## SWIMMING POOL

The water is purified by a system of filtration, chlorination and aeration, which has produced consistently good results when sampled.

## PADDLING POOL

This pool is situated in the Avenue Park. Treatment of the water is carried out by the Department, and involves chlorination and algae prevention.

## RODENT AND PEST CONTROL

The following work was carried out during the year for rodent eradication:-

Total number of premises inspected following notification	192
Number infested by rats	130
Number infested by mice	15
Total number of premises inspected for reasons other than notification	12
Number infested by rats	4

## FACTORIES AND WORKPLACES

Routine inspections were made of 9 of the 27 factories, for the purpose of checking the sanitary accommodation.

## AIR POLLUTION

There are two industrial oil-fired boilers in the area, the chimneys of which are kept under observation, and from which minor nuisances have been observed on occasion. These nuisances have occurred as the result of mechanical failure and have soon been rectified.

Other minor cases of smoke nuisance have been rectified when informal action has been taken.

## SCRAP METAL DEALERS

There are 3 registered scrap metal dealers in the town.

## MARKETS

Baldock is a market town, holding a weekly market on the High Street Car Park. There are 30 pitches, occupied by various tradesmen, of which a percentage are subject to the Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles Regulations, 1966, and receive regular weekly inspections.

## NOISE

Further readings of sound levels were taken in various parts of the town in the vicinity of industrial sites, but no nuisances were found.

## CONSUMER PROTECTION

Some action was necessary during the year, but only of a minor nature.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The annual conference of the Association of Public Health Inspectors was attended by the Public Health Inspector, during which much useful information was obtained, and where modern techniques were seen and studied.

SECTION "F".

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES (CORRECTED), BALDOCK- AGE DISTRIBUTION.

DISEASES	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED	CASES AFTER CORRECTION	UNDER 1 YEAR	ONE YEAR	TWO YEARS	THREE YEARS	FOUR YEARS	5-9 YEARS	10-14 YEARS	15-24 YEARS	25-44 YEARS	45-64 YEARS	65 years AND OVER	AGE UNKNOWN
WHOOPING COUGH	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
MEASLES	44	-	5	5	2	7	12	12	-	1	-	-	-	-
DYSENTERY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCARLET FEVER	8	-	-	-	1	-	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	54	-	5	5	3	7	13	20	-	1	-	-	-	-



BALDOCK U.D.C. - TUBERCULOSIS.

Number on Register at 31st December, 1971.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pulmonary	25	15	40
Non-Pulmonary	5	1	6
	<u>30</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>46</u>

Number removed from Register during 1971.

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	
Deaths	-	-	-	-	-
Others (cured, re-diagnosed, transfers of area, etc.)	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Additions to Register during 1971.

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	
New Notifications	1	1	1	-	3
Others (cases restored to Register, transfers, etc.)	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>

# Document 1

Document 1: The First World War

Year	1914	1915
1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
6	6	6
7	7	7
8	8	8
9	9	9
10	10	10

Document 1: The First World War

Document 2: The Second World War

Year	1939	1940	1941	1942
1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9
10	10	10	10	10

Document 2: The Second World War

Document 3: The Cold War

Year	1945	1946	1947	1948
1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9
10	10	10	10	10

Document 3: The Cold War